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Attorney's Docket No. 000515-141

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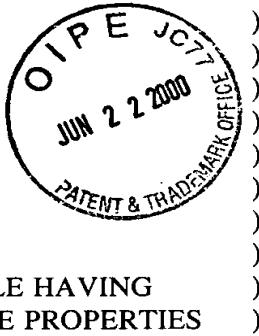
In re Patent Application of

Urban WIDLUND

Application No.: 09/194,700

Filed: March 4, 1999

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING  
IMPROVED SURFACE PROPERTIES



Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: M. Kidwell

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status  
[ ] are also enclosed [ ] were submitted previously.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ]  
[ ] fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)  
(146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$78.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					
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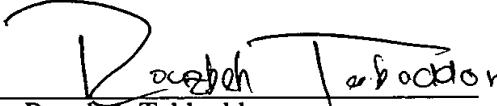
[ ] A claim fee in the amount of \$ 0.00 is enclosed.

[ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached herein.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, line 24, replace "cover" with --surface--.

Page 10, line 27, after "absorbent" insert --,--.

Page 11, line 4, after "hydrophilic" insert --second--; and

line 6, replace "hydrophobic" with --first--.

Page 12, line 4, delete "surface";